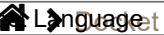


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Civil Court Case Information – Case History

Case Information

Case Number: CV2022-090614 Judge: Hopkins, Stephen
 File Date: 2/11/2022 Location: Southeast
 Case Type: Civil

Party Information

Party Name	Relationship	Sex	Attorney
John Ryan	Plaintiff	Male	Jonathan Henry
Costco Wholesale Corporation	Defendant		Pro Per
Costco Wholesale Membership Inc	Defendant		Pro Per

Case Documents

Filing Date	Description	Docket Date	Filing Party
2/17/2022	AFS - Affidavit Of Service	2/28/2022	
NOTE: COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION			
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NOTE: COSTCO WHOLESALE MEMBERSHIP INC			
2/11/2022	COM - Complaint	2/14/2022	
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2/11/2022	CSH - Coversheet	2/14/2022	
NOTE: Civil Cover Sheet			
2/11/2022	CCN - Cert Arbitration - Not Subject	2/14/2022	
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2/11/2022	SUM - Summons	2/14/2022	
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Case Calendar

There are no calendar events on file

Judgments

There are no judgments on file



**Service of Process
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02/15/2022

CT Log Number 541061317

TO: Laura Aznavoorian, Litigation Supervisor
Gallagher Bassett Services, Inc.
1901 S. Meyers Rd, Suite 200C
Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181

RE: Process Served in Arizona

FOR: Costco Wholesale Corporation (Domestic State: WA)

ENCLOSED ARE COPIES OF LEGAL PROCESS RECEIVED BY THE STATUTORY AGENT OF THE ABOVE COMPANY AS FOLLOWS:

TITLE OF ACTION:	Re: JOHN RYAN, A SINGLE PERSON // To: Costco Wholesale Corporation
DOCUMENT(S) SERVED:	--
COURT/AGENCY:	None Specified Case # CV2022090614
NATURE OF ACTION:	Personal Injury - Failure to Maintain Premises in a Safe Condition
ON WHOM PROCESS WAS SERVED:	C T Corporation System, Phoenix, AZ
DATE AND HOUR OF SERVICE:	By Process Server on 02/15/2022 at 02:48
JURISDICTION SERVED :	Arizona
APPEARANCE OR ANSWER DUE:	None Specified
ATTORNEY(S) / SENDER(S):	None Specified
ACTION ITEMS:	CT has retained the current log, Retain Date: 02/15/2022, Expected Purge Date: 03/02/2022 Image SOP Email Notification, Laura Aznavoorian laura_aznavoorian@gbtpa.com Email Notification, Zois Johnston zjohnston@costco.com Email Notification, Maureen Papier maureen_papier@gbtpa.com
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Date: Tue, Feb 15, 2022

Server Name: Joseph Liddy

Entity Served	COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION
Case Number	CV2022-090595
Jurisdiction	AZ



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DOCUMENT(S) SERVED: --

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JOHN RYAN, a single person,
Plaintiff,

v.

COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION, a
foreign corporation; COSTCO WHOLESALE
MEMBERSHIP, INC., a foreign corporation;
XYZ Corporations I-III; ABC Partnerships I-
III; John and Jane Does II-III,

Defendants.

No.: CV2022-090614

COMPLAINT

(Tort- Non-Motor Vehicle)

Premises Liability

Plaintiff JOHN RYAN, hereinafter referred to as "Plaintiff", by and through undersigned
counsel complaining of the Defendants, and in support thereof, states as follows:

JURISDICTION & VENUE

1. Plaintiff JOHN RYAN is, and at all times relevant hereto, a resident of Hernando
County, State of Florida.

2. The events giving rise to the cause of action set forth herein occurred within the
State of Arizona, County of Maricopa; and this court has jurisdiction over the subject matter and
parties to this litigation.

1 3. Defendant **COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION** is a foreign corporation,
2 and has caused events to occur in Maricopa County, State of Arizona, out of which the claim that
3 is the subject of this Complaint arose.

4 4. Defendant **COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION** has caused events to occur
5 in Maricopa County, State of Arizona, out of which the claim that is the subject of this Complaint
6 arose by virtue of its vicarious liability for the action and omissions of its duly authorized agents,
7 servants and employees, acting within the course and scope of their employment with Defendant
8 **COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION**.

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10 5. Defendant **COSTCO WHOLESALE MEMBERSHIP, INC.** is a foreign
11 corporation, and has caused events to occur in Maricopa County, State of Arizona, out of which
12 the claim that is the subject of this Complaint arose.

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14 6. Defendant **COSTCO WHOLESALE MEMBERSHIP, INC.** has caused events
15 to occur in Maricopa County, State of Arizona, out of which the claim that is the subject of this
16 Complaint arose by virtue of its vicarious liability for the action and omissions of its duly
17 authorized agents, servants and employees, acting within the course and scope of their employment
18 with Defendant **COSTCO WHOLESALE MEMBERSHIP, INC.**

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20 7. The true names and capacities, whether individual, corporate or otherwise, of the
21 Defendants John and Jane Does I-III, ABC Partnerships I-III, and XYZ Corporations I-III, are
22 unknown to the Plaintiff who therefore sues said defendants by such fictitious names and will ask
23 leave to amend this Complaint to state their true names and capacities at such time as the same
24 become known to the Plaintiff.

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26 8. Defendants are residents or citizens of the State of Arizona, or caused events to
27 occur in the State of Arizona, out of which the claim which is the subject of this Complaint arose.
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1 Said corporate Defendants are either Arizona corporations or foreign corporations, partnerships,
 2 joint ventures, or other legal entities, which are doing business in Arizona or have caused events
 3 to occur in the State of Arizona out of which the claim that is the subject of this Complaint arose.

4 9. Plaintiff is informed and believes and therefore alleges that each of the defendants
 5 designated herein are legally responsible for the events and happenings herein referred to, and
 6 legally caused injury and damages proximately thereby to Plaintiff as herein alleged.
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8 10. Plaintiff seeks damages in excess of the minimum jurisdictional limits of this Court.

9 **GENERAL ALLEGATIONS OF FACT**

10 11. On or about February 14, 2020, and for some time prior thereto, Defendants
 11 **COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION and/or COSTCO WHOLESALE**
 12 **MEMBERSHIP, INC.**, through their duly authorized agents, servants and employees, possessed,
 13 controlled, managed, operated, and supervised a store located at or near 2887 South Market Street,
 14 City of Gilbert, County of Maricopa, State of Arizona.
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16 12. On February 14, 2020, Plaintiff entered said location as a business invitee for the
 17 purpose of purchasing goods. On said date, there was liquid allowed to remain on the floor of said
 18 premises. As Plaintiff **JOHN RYAN** was traversing the premises, he slipped and fell due to the
 19 liquid on the floor.
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21 13. Plaintiff **JOHN RYAN** slipped and fell due to Defendants **COSTCO**
 22 **WHOLESALE CORPORATION and/or COSTCO WHOLESALE MEMBERSHIP, INC.'s**
 23 negligence in maintaining the premises free from hazard. The dangerous and defective condition
 24 of the store was hazardous due to liquid being allowed to remain on the floor.
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26 14. Defendants **COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION and/or COSTCO**
 27 **WHOLESALE MEMBERSHIP, INC.**, through their duly authorized agents, servants and
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1 employees negligently caused, negligently maintained, and/or negligently allowed the premises of
2 said place of business to remain in a dangerous and defective condition.

3 15. The dangerous and defective condition of the store floor was hazardous due to
4 liquid being allowed to remain on the floor thereby creating a dangerous and defective condition
5 on the Defendants **COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION and/or COSTCO**
6 **WHOLESALE MEMBERSHIP, INC.'s**, premises.

8 16. Defendants **COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION and/or COSTCO**
9 **WHOLESALE MEMBERSHIP, INC.**, through their duly authorized agents, servants and
10 employees, were aware or should have been aware of said condition and failed to take adequate
11 steps to warn business invitees; patrons were not thereby warned of the existing hazard.

13 17. Defendants **COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION and/or COSTCO**
14 **WHOLESALE MEMBERSHIP, INC.**, through their duly authorized agents, servants and
15 employees, further knew, or should have known through reasonable inspection, of the liquid
16 causing said hazard.

18 18. Plaintiff **JOHN RYAN** was injured and damaged, and therefore incurred monetary
19 expenses.

20 **COUNT ONE: RESPONDEAT SUPERIOR**

21 **(As to all Defendants)**

22 19. Plaintiff incorporates all previous paragraphs and all allegations herein by reference
23 as if fully set forth herein.

25 20. At all relevant times to the subject incident, Defendants **W COSTCO**
26 **WHOLESALE CORPORATION and/or COSTCO WHOLESALE MEMBERSHIP,**
27 **INC.'s**, duly authorized agents, servants and employees, were acting within the course and scope
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1 of their employment.

2 21. Defendants **COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION** and/or **COSTCO**
3 **WHOLESALE MEMBERSHIP, INC.** at all relevant times hereto are responsible for the
4 negligent actions of their employees on the basis of respondeat superior master-servant, general
5 agency principles, and otherwise.

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7 **COUNT TWO: PREMISES LIABILITY**

8 (As to all Defendants)

9 22. Plaintiff incorporates all previous paragraphs and allegations herein by reference as
10 if fully set forth herein.

11 23. Defendants **COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION** and/or **COSTCO**
12 **WHOLESALE MEMBERSHIP, INC.**, through their duly authorized agents, servants and
13 employees, were required to use reasonable care when maintaining said premises and/or operation
14 to prevent injuring to the business invitees at said location.

15 24. Defendants **COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION** and/or **COSTCO**
16 **WHOLESALE MEMBERSHIP, INC.**, through their duly authorized agents, servants and
17 employees, knew or should have known that the premises at the store was hazardous due to the
18 fact that there was liquid allowed to remain on the floor and thereby creating a dangerous and
19 defective condition on the premises.

20 25. Defendants **COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION** and/or **COSTCO**
21 **WHOLESALE MEMBERSHIP, INC.**, through their duly authorized agents, servants and
22 employees, knew or should have known that there were no warnings of safeguards in place to
23 protect the business invitees of the store against the danger created by the liquid on the floor.

24 26. Plaintiff **JOHN RYAN** was injured as a result of Defendants' failure to warn of,
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1 safeguard, and/or remedy an unreasonably dangerous condition on said premises.

2 27. As a proximate result of Defendants **COSTCO WHOLESALE**
3 **CORPORATION and/or COSTCO WHOLESALE MEMBERSHIP, INC.'s**, failure to warn
4 of, safeguard, or remedy an unreasonably dangerous condition, Plaintiff was injured and suffered
5 damages which include but are not limited to physical injuries, pain and suffering since the
6 incident, past and future medical expenses, loss of earnings, and mental and emotional anguish, all
7 in an amount to be determined at trial.
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9 **COUNT THREE: NEGLIGENCE**

10 (As to all Defendants)

11 28. Plaintiff incorporates all previous paragraphs and all allegations herein by
12 reference as if fully set forth herein.
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14 29. Defendants **COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION and/or COSTCO**
15 **WHOLESALE MEMBERSHIP, INC.**, through their duly authorized agents, servants and
16 employees, owed a duty to Plaintiff **JOHN RYAN** to maintain said premises in safe condition.
17 This scope of care extended to Plaintiff **JOHN RYAN**.
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19 30. Defendants **COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION and/or COSTCO**
20 **WHOLESALE MEMBERSHIP, INC.**, through their duly authorized agents, servants and
21 employees, negligently caused, negligently maintained, and/or negligently allowed the premises
22 and/or operation of said business place in a dangerous and defective condition.
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24 31. Defendants **COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION and/or COSTCO**
25 **WHOLESALE MEMBERSHIP, INC.**, through their duly authorized agents, servants and
26 employees, caused, knew, or should have known of the dangerous condition that existed there and
27 did not take proper corrective action to make premises safe for persons at said location.
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32. Defendants **COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION** and/or **COSTCO WHOLESALE MEMBERSHIP, INC.**, through their duly authorized agents, servants and employees, failed to remedy this dangerous condition, failed to give warning of this dangerous condition and/or otherwise failed to exercise reasonable care, diligence and prudence of said premises and/or operation of said business.

33. Defendants **COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION** and/or **COSTCO WHOLESALE MEMBERSHIP, INC.**'s, breach of this duty is the legal and proximate cause of Plaintiff's damages, which include but are not limited to physical injuries, pain and suffering since the incident, past and future medical expenses, loss of earnings, and mental and emotional anguish, all in an amount to be determined at trial.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff **JOHN RYAN** prays for judgment against the Defendants, and each of them, as follows:

1. For such sums as and for general damages in excess of the jurisdictional minimum of this court.
2. For such sums as and for special damages as will be proven at the time of trial.
3. For pre- and post- judgment interest at the maximum rate permitted by law.
4. For costs of suit herein and for such other and further relief as the court deems just and proper.

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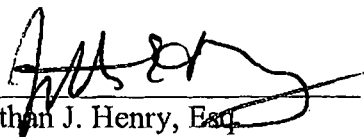
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1 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this February 11, 2022.

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**CERTIFICATE OF
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I certify that I am aware of the dollar limits and any other limitations set forth by the Local Rules of Practice for the Maricopa County Superior Court, and I further certify that this case IS NOT subject to compulsory arbitration, as provided by Rules 72 through 77 of the Arizona Rules of Civil Procedure.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this

By: Jonathan Henry /s/
Plaintiff/Attorney for Plaintiff